The assignment of Puthuval, Poramboke and Forest lands.

326. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention.—

(a) the number of acres of *Puthuval*, *Poramboke* and Forest lands assigned annually for the last five years to (1) the so-called untouchables and (2) the other classes of people for purposes of cultivation, residence, etc.;

(b) whether any order has been passed by the Government to assign such lands to the so-called untouchables in preference to the other classes of people, and if so, whether a copy of it will be placed on the table; and if no such rule has been passed;

(c) whether the Government will pass any such order to help the so-called untouchables;

(d) whether in all village offices a list of such lands available be published for the information of the so-called untouchables?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—

(a) Please see *Appendix II.*

(b) No.

(c) and (d). The matter will receive due consideration.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know, Sir, why only a small extent of land is assigned to the depressed classes?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—There is no special reason.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is it because the Government did not receive applications from them?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Partly due to that and partly due to the consideration of the question. Please see answer to (c) and (d). When the question is solved, and the policy of the Government made known, probably, there may be more applications, and a larger extent of land will be assigned.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I am asking whether there has been any scheme submitted, by any responsible officer for the consideration of the Government in the time of Diwan Sir T. Vijayaraghavachari.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—For definite information, records will have to be examined, and so notice will be required. I think it was some four or five years ago. Some kind of scheme there was about the latter period of Diwan Sir T. Vijayaraghavachari's administration. I remember there was a scheme then, but, if more definite information is required, I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether there was any recommendation for the assignment of lands for the depressed classes, if there was any such scheme?

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Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.— In the scheme for the elevation of the depressed classes assignment of lands is one of the items.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.— That matter has been before the Government for a long time, and it is said that the Government are sympathetic towards the depressed classes. But the figures do not support the statement.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.— Mere intention on the part of the Government alone will not do. In my speech in the budget session, I made a statement that the depressed classes and those who are interested in them must organise themselves and support the Government. It is still under consideration, and the Government are watching how things are being done in other places.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.— In spite of the fact that the scheme has been before the Government for so many years, will the Government be pleased to state why no such orders have been passed?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.— The Government have got a number of things to attend to—exigency of work, exigency of service. I don't think any Government will be able to give reasons. That matter will be under consideration. It requires to be fully considered. So many things ought to be taken into consideration, and so the Government cannot give any definite reasons.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.— The scheme has been before the Government for the last 5 years. There has been so much agitation for the elevation of the depressed classes, and petitions and memorials have been sent, and yet the Government have not found time to pass orders.

President.— That is not a supplementary question.

327. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inquire and inform whether it is a fact that in Travancore any Pulaya or Paraya can occupy a 'Puthuval' land, and making some improvements in it can claim them for himself and in all village offices a list of such land available is published?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.— After knowing the arrangement in Travancore to give them land, has the Government taken any steps in the matter?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.— That question does not arise. It is not a supplementary question.

President.—You leave it to my ruling.

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Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.— I leave it to your ruling, Sir.

President.— It is not a supplementary question.

The details of the irrigation works in the Ayyantole and Vilvattom Panchayats.

328. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—In reply to my question 45 of the last budget session regarding the numerous visits of the Superintendent of Panchayats to Ayyantole and Vilvattom Panchayats during 1100, it was said that there were important irrigation works there and hence the 14 visits. Will the Government be pleased to place on the talbe.—

(1) the details of those important irrigation works and the amount spent thereon;

(2) works more or less costing so much done in 1100 and 1101 in all the other Panchayats with their detailed names, expenditure incurred and the number of inspection visits to each of the Superintendent of Panchayats ;

(3) to state for the information of this House whether communications signed ' For the Superintendent ' are always done with the knowledge and approval of the Departmental Heads or in anticipation of his approval ; if the answer is in the affirmative, how is it that the replies of the Superintendent which could have been communicated at the first instance to certain Panchayats without any elaborate enquiry and report are seen delayed for long ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—

(1) Please see *Appendix III* (*1*).

(2) Please see *Appendix III* (*2*).

(3) The Member is referred to Standing Order 92. In the absence of any reference to any specific instance of delay no reply can be given to the latter part of the question.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Why is preferential treatment given to Ayyantol and Vilvattam Panchayats ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.— There were lot of works in the Vilvattam and Ayyantol Panchayats. That was the reason why there was a large number of visits to the Vilvattam and Ayyantol Panchayats. But it does not appear from the list that the other works have been neglected.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— He visited 14 times the Vilvattam and Ayyantol Panchayats. The other Panchayats were not visited so frequently. Why is this preferential treatment ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.— Calculating on an average, it comes to only 3 visits per work.

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12. മഠത്തിവീട്ടിൽ കോന്തുമേനോൻ അവർകൾ.

അവതാരകൻ .... വി. കെ. മ്മം. കൃഷ്ണൻ നമ്പൂരിപ്പാട്.

അനുവാദകൻ .... തേവർമഠത്തിൽ പരശുരാമയ്യർ.

സഹായകൻ .... പാറപ്പുറത്തു പള്ളിവികാരി അക്കരെ ജോൺ കത്തനാർ.

X.

ഈ പ്രമേയങ്ങളെ മഹാരാജാവു് തിരുമനസ്സിലെ സമ്മതികായ്ക്കാരവർകൾക്കും, ദിവാൻജി അവർകൾക്കും, ദിവാൻപേഷ്കാർ അവർകൾക്കും, ചീഫ് എഞ്ചിനീയർ അവർകൾക്കും, കൃഷി പഞ്ചായത്തു് സൂപ്രഡെണ്ടവർകൾക്കും, മുകുന്ദപുരം താസിൽദാരവർകൾക്കും, മുകുന്ദപുരം മജിസ്ട്രേട്ടവർകൾക്കും അയച്ചുകൊടുക്കുവാനായി സഭാനാഥൻ അവർകളെ ഈ യോഗം അധികാരപ്പെടുത്തുന്നു.

അവതാരകൻ .... പള്ളത്തേരി മാധവൻ.

അനുവാദകൻ .... പുളിക്കൽ പാവുണ്ണി.

സഹായകൻ .... മഠത്തിവീട്ടിൽ കോന്തുമേനോൻ.

APPENDIX II.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 326.)

Particulars regarding assignment of *Puthuval poramboke* and Forest areas during the years 1097 to 1101.

Year	Assignment including bases to depressed classes								Assignment to other classes of people								Remarks
	Puthuval		Poramboke		Forest		Total		Puthuval		Poramboke		Forest		Total		
1097	16	49½	42	20	..	..	58	69½	173	56¾	42	16	272	33	488	50¾	The assignments to depressed classes were mostly in the form of leases with sufficient safeguards against alienation.
1098	6	38¼	45	02	.	..	51	40¼	122	25	41	29	240	05	403	59	
1099	2	86¼	24	63½	..	..	27	49¾	249	98	52	37	701	02	1003	37	
1100	1	67	6	92	..	..	8	59	49	74	28	90	96	61	175	25	
1101	2	77	9	04	..	..	11	81	83	40	63	82	370	48	517	70	

APPENDIX III.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 328.)

(1)

Vilvattam Panchayat.

		Rs.
1	Repairs to Karuthipara chira	551
2	,, Kuttikadambu chira ...	1,271
3	,, Perunthani chira	687

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